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Babysitter Sentenced to 262 Months for Producing and Trafficking in Child Pornography

(Alexandria, VA) - Rodrigo M. Omabtang, age 46, of Springfield, Virginia, was sentenced today to 262 months in federal prison for producing, transporting, possessing and attempting to receive child pornography. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; William Reid, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and, Colonel David M. Rohrer, Chief, Fairfax County Police Department, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge T.S. Ellis, III.

According to court documents, from January to May 2006, Omabtang subscribed to a commercial child pornography website from his home computer. A subsequent search of his residence revealed photo albums, videotapes, computers, and over 1,700 computer disks containing child pornography. Two of the videotapes show Omabtang sexually assaulting a 3-4 year-old girl whom he babysat two times over the course of one day. Omabtang was a friend and former co-worker of the child's mother. In the morning of the day in question, Omabtang recorded one of the sexual assaults at the child's residence in Washington, D.C. Later that afternoon, Omabtang videotaped himself molesting the child at his residence, in Springfield, Virginia.

United States Attorney Rosenberg stated, "My message to Mr. Omabtang, and others like him who are out there: we are vigilant, fully committed to protecting our children from predators, and we will find you."

The U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative is a joint effort of federal, state and local law enforcement, along with community leaders, designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members from the Fairfax County Police Department. Computer forensics analysis was provided by the High Tech Investigative Unit of the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. This was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald J. Smagala and Special Assistant United States Attorney Edward J. McAndrew, a Trial Attorney in the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice.